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Board Names Dr. Sandra G. Treadway as Librarian of Virginia

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(Richmond, VA) –At its June 11 meeting the Library Board unanimously appointed Dr. Sandra Gioia Treadway to be Librarian of Virginia effective July 1 to succeed Nolan T. Yelich who has been the librarian since 1995 and is retiring. Dr. Treadway previously served as deputy director of the Library of Virginia, overseeing the agency's six divisions. The Library Board has had appointment authority for the position of state librarian since 1996.

Dr. Treadway joined the staff of the Library of Virginia in 1978 as an associate editor and copyeditor, a position she held until 1982. From 1980 until 1987 Dr. Treadway was an adjunct history professor at Virginia Commonwealth University. An expert in the field of woman's history, her teaching and research fields are United States history since 1865; 19th and 20th century Virginia history, American foreign relations, particularly late 19th century colonial policy, and historical editing. She has been a coeditor of the Library's multivolume *Dictionary of Virginia Biography* since 1983 and in 1991 became director of the Publications and Cultural Affairs Division. From March 1995 to February 1996 she served as acting chief of staff for the Library of Virginia and assisted in a major restructuring and reorganization of the Library in anticipation of the agency's move to its new facility. In February, 1996 she became deputy state librarian.

Treadway earned her undergraduate degree from Manhattanville College and her master's degree and doctorate in history from the University of Virginia. She will earn a master's degree in library and information sciences from the University of Tennessee in August.

She is a member of numerous professional organizations including the American Library Association, American Historical Association, Virginia Library Association, Organization of American Historians, Southern Association for Women Historians, and the Southern Historical Association. She served as president of the Southern Association for Women Historians from 2001–2002 and is the local arrangements chair for the 2007 annual conference of the Southern Historical Association.

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Treadway is the author of *Women of Mark: A History of the Woman's Club of Richmond, Virginia, 1894–1994*. She is a coeditor of *Negotiating Boundaries of Southern Womanhood: Dealing with Powers That Be, Beyond Image and Convention: Explorations in Southern History, The Commonwealth: Treasures from the Collections of the Library of Virginia* and editor of *Journals of the Council of the State of Virginia*. She has published articles and chapters in numerous magazines and journals. Treadway is a frequent speaker and panelist at professional and community organization meetings.

“The Board could not have found a more knowledgeable and qualified applicant than Dr. Treadway. As the state’s leading repository of printed materials and manuscripts related to Virginia’s history and culture, it is important for the head of the Library of Virginia to be someone who is not only a librarian but a historian. Sandy’s knowledge and love for the library and its collections make this a perfect fit,” said incoming Board chair Mary Haviland.

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